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All Other Types of Fresh and Frozen Seafood

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Dear FDA:

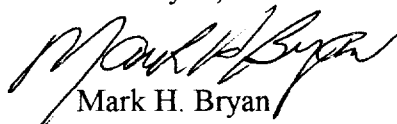
I am writing to express my strong objection to The Center for Science in the Public Interest regarding their recommendation to require all molluscan shellfish to be post-harvest treated before being sold.

For years I have worked in the oyster business and most people in our industry own small operations with little financial stability and cash reserves. We can't afford the costly equipment we would have to purchase to comply with this mandatory treatment. Also it will cause higher consumer prices in restaurants, stores and markets, which will lower consumer demand not to mention the loss of business. Many of us will have to shut our doors because of the economic damage these proposed rules will cause.

Consumers should have a choice between buying treated and fresh oysters. The small number of people who may be at risk should heed the ample health warnings available where fresh oysters are sold and assume their own level of personal responsibility.

I urge FDA to reject these rules.

Thank-you,

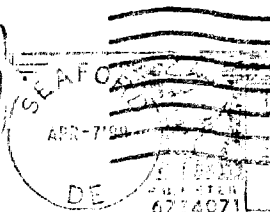

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